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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement.

Hello,

After reading an article at
"<http://www.pbs.org/cringely/pulpit/pulpit20011206.html>" I felt compelled to
write and share with you my views on the Microsoft Settlement.

I have been a fan of Open Source software for a number of years now. It is
important for you to be aware that Microsoft has been equally as predatory
toward Open Source projects as to other businesses. Please do not overlook
this. Please remove any language that could in any way, shape, or form
allow Microsoft to harm Open Source projects. Microsoft should be required
to give back to the community for its monopolistic practices. Microsoft
should be required to re-license much of it's software under the GNU General
Public License (<http://www.linux.org/info/gnu.html>).

Please explicitly protect projects such as Wine (<http://www.winehq.org>) in
the final language for this settlement. Wine is an application for the
GNU/Linux Operating System that allows for compatibility with Windows
programs. Microsoft should in no way have the ability to attack projects
such as Wine.

These are my views and opinions. I would encourage you to research what I
have mentioned and strongly consider this in the final language for this
settlement. Do not forget, Microsoft is a monopoly and should be dealt with
as such.

Thank you for your time.

- Brian Horncastle -